

# Presentation

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	1
<b>Meeting Date</b>	June 7, 2004
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<b>Approved By</b>	Richard M. Finn, City Mgr.

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Resolution of Appreciation to Senator Ida G. Ruben
<b>Background</b>	Senator Ruben has represented the Takoma Park community in the Maryland General Assembly since 1975. She has played a pivotal role in gaining State funding for a variety of Takoma Park projects, and she has been a staunch opponent of cutting funds for local government as a way to balance the State budget. Most recently, she was effective in gaining a State grant of \$300,000 for the Takoma Park Community Center. The City of Takoma Park greatly appreciates her efforts on our behalf.
<b>Policy</b>	The City Council is pleased to acknowledge the good work of our elected representatives.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Senator Ruben has assisted the City in gaining funding for street improvements, revitalization activities, and the Takoma Park Community Center.
<b>Attachments</b>	Draft resolution.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve resolution.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

**Resolution #2004-23**  
**A Resolution of Appreciation to Senator Ida G. Ruben**

- WHEREAS,** the Honorable Ida G. Ruben has represented District 20, which includes the City of Takoma Park, since 1987 in the Maryland State Senate and from 1975 to 1985 in the Maryland House of Delegates; AND
- WHEREAS,** throughout her nearly thirty years of service in the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Ruben has supported and promoted the Takoma Park community and the City of Takoma Park; AND
- WHEREAS,** Senator Ruben has shown her concern for the needs of municipalities by championing State funding mechanisms that avoid cutting revenue for local governments; AND
- WHEREAS,** over the years, Senator Ruben and her husband Judge Leonard Ruben have attended numerous community functions and municipal gatherings, listening to the concerns of the community, celebrating the accomplishments of individuals and organizations, and adding a special touch by their presence; AND
- WHEREAS,** Senator Ruben's understanding of the needs of the Takoma Park community has helped the City receive State funding for street projects, revitalization activities, and the construction of the Takoma Park Community Center, and has helped the City gain a role in site plan review and other planning functions in Montgomery County; AND
- WHEREAS,** Senator Ruben and her partners on the District 20 team—Delegate Peter Franchot, Delegate Sheila Hixson, and Delegate Gareth Murray—worked to have \$1.5 million in State funding be granted for the Takoma Park Community Center between 1999 and 2001; AND
- WHEREAS,** in an extremely difficult year for State funding, Senator Ruben's influence and persistence led to the granting of an additional \$300,000 for the Takoma Park Community Center in the most recent Legislative Session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Takoma Park expresses its deep appreciation to our "District 20 Diamond," Senator Ida G. Ruben, for her loyal and long-time service on behalf of the Takoma Park community and for her assistance in funding the construction of the new Takoma Park Community Center.

**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004

Attest:

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Catherine E. Waters, CMC  
City Clerk / Treasurer